

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4802

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REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS COMMISSION

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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of reports submitted by the Administrative Reforms Commission (ARC) to the Government alongwith the dates of submission of each of these reports;
- (b) the main recommendations contained in each of these reports;
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (d) whether as per ARC, there are officers and offices that can be termed as corrupt;
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the list of such officers/offices;
- (f) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government for implementation of the recommendations of the ARC; and (g) the time by which these recommendations are likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS. (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI)

(a) & (b): The second Administrative Reforms Commission (ARC) has so far submitted the following four reports:-

1) Right to Information: master Key to Good Governance (submitted on 9th June, 2006). The main recommendations in this report relate to

(i) Repeal of the Official Secrets Act, 1923 in the current form and including necessary provisions in the National Security Act and (ii) Steps for effective implementation of the Right to Information Act.

2) Unlocking human Capital: Entitlements and Governance- a case study (submitted on 31st July, 2006). This Report deals with the implementation of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act.

3) Crisis management: From Despair to Hope (submitted on 31st October, 2006). This Report makes recommendations about effectively meeting crisis situations through systematic preparedness, early warning, quick response and recovery to protect people and structures from natural and manmade disasters and to increase the effectiveness of crisis response and recovery.

4) Ethics in Governance (submitted on 12th February, 2007). In this Report the Commission has made recommendations relating to various legal, institutional and procedural measures covering the legislature, judiciary and the executive with the focus on tackling corruption.

(c): All the four Reports have been sent to the concerned Ministries/Departments in accordance with the subjects allotted to them in the Allocation of the Business Rules, for taking necessary action.

(d): No, Sir.

(e): Does not arise.

(f) & (g): it has been decided that the progress of implementation of the recommendations would be reviewed at the level of Cabinet Secretary on a monthly interval. Government has also constituted a Group of Ministers under the chairmanship of Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Minister of External Affairs to review the pace of implementation as well as to provide guidance to the concerned Ministries/Departments in implementing these decisions.